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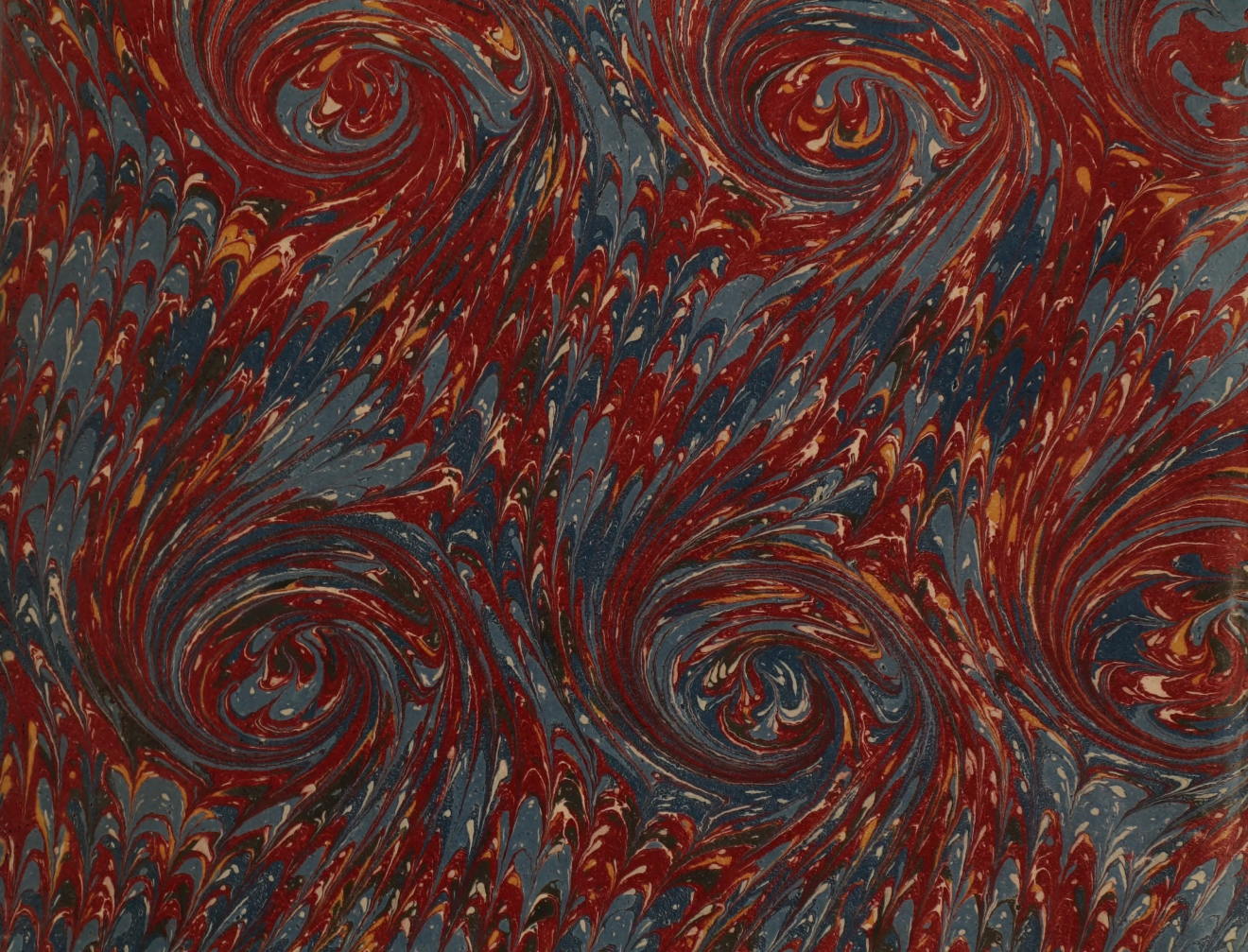

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DICK'S DOG-CART IS GREATLY ADMIRED AT THE GATES.

THE LADIES IN CARRIAGES, ACCUSTOMED TO LEICESTERSHIRE, THINK IT RATHER A DULL PROCEEDING.

OVER;—HALF OVER;—WELL OVER.

A FAST THING ACROSS COUNTRY.

SMOKING HIM OUT!

8 P.M. A Dis-appointment. 8 A.M.

Dick.—"FOURTEEN MILES TO 'COVER' IN THE MORNING, OLD FELLOW; MIND YOU'RE UP IN TIME."

Servant.—"PLEASE, SIR, IT'S A FREEZIN' HARD, AND HAS BEEN SNOWING ALL NIGHT!"

Exercise in a Frost.

Stable Boy (*rebuked by Head Groom*).—"GO STEADY! BLESS'D IF I CAN MAKE 'EM WALK! THEY PREFERS JUMPIN' THIS WEATHER."

The Day after a Thaw.

FARMER GRIPPER BEGINS TO WISH HE COULD SWIM HOME.

A LITTLE DIFFICULTY ABOUT STARTING.

AFTER GOING GAMELY ALL ROUND, THE FAVOURITE REFUSES, TO THE DISMAY OF HER BACKERS.

The Finish.

LITTLE SWOFFER WINS ON "BLAZEAWAY."

A DELIGHTFUL ANIMAL, WELL WORTH TWO GUINEAS, WHO PREFERS THE HIGH ROAD TO THE SOFTEST TURF, AND DECLINES FENCES ALTOGETHER.

DICK, IN THE DISTANCE, BEGINS

DICK, IN THE DISTANCE, BEGINS TO PERCEIVE WHY HAROLD INSISTED UPON THIS LOCALITY FOR THEIR HUNTING-QUARTERS.

THE END OF A FAST FORTY MINUTES.

A Kill in the Open.

THE LAST GOOD THING OF THE SEASON.

A GREAT CRUSH, AND ONLY SEATS FOR THE DOWAGERS.

On the Staircase.

HAROLD QUORN MAKES STRONG RUNNING.

After Supper.

DICK HAS TO BE SET RIGHT IN THE LANCERS;

BUT HAS THE PLEASURE OF SHOWING HIS PARTNER THE WAY NEXT MORNING.

HAROLD HAS A REGULAR CROPPER, BUT PICKS HIMSELF UP AND CATCHES THE HOUNDS.

LADIES MUST TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES.

A Wet Ride Home.

NOT A LIVELY PROCEEDING.

Rather more Exciting.

GETTING YOUR BOOTS OFF AFTERWARDS.

DICK IS NEVER SO POPULAR AS HAROLD AMONG LADIES; BUT HE QUITE DOES FOR HIMSELF ONE EVENING AT THE RECTORY!

End of the Season.

A DANGEROUS RIDE HOME.

Warm enough for Croquet.

TWO OF THE PARTY ARE RATHER IDLE.

DICK FORESEES HOW HAROLD WILL BE DRIVEN TO THE "MEETS" OF NEXT SEASON.

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